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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.



# PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 6. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 7 and 8. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 2 page 2 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

## AUSTRALIA : (Thousands)

(EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1955			1956			
	Mar.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
<b>MALES</b>							
1. In Private Employment	1393.9	1395.5	1416.6	(c)1395.4	1421.3	1421.2	1424.3
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	30.6	30.7	30.7	30.9	31.1	31.1	31.3
Other	128.9	129.5	131.1	131.6	130.7	130.2	130.2
State and Semi-Governmental	369.2	371.1	369.5	368.5	371.4	373.1	374.7
Local Authorities	63.7	64.1	65.2	64.5	64.5	64.9	65.0
2. Total Governmental	592.4	595.4	596.5	595.5	597.7	599.3	601.2
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1986.3	1990.9	2013.1	(c)1990.9	2019.0	2020.5	2025.5
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	57.9	58.9	49.8	59.9	60.1	58.4	58.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2044.2	2049.8	2062.9	(c)2050.8	2079.1	2078.9	2084.4
<b>FEMALES</b>							
1. In Private Employment	616.2	614.6	634.2	628.3	632.1	633.5	631.0
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.8	6.8	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.3
Other	36.8	36.7	37.5	38.1	38.8	38.6	38.7
State and Semi-Governmental	71.9	72.1	73.4	72.6	75.2	76.9	77.3
Local Authorities	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.0
2. Total Governmental	121.3	121.4	124.0	123.9	127.3	128.7	129.3
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	737.5	736.0	758.2	752.2	759.4	762.2	760.3
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	739.6	738.1	760.2	754.2	761.4	764.1	762.2
<b>PERSONS</b>							
1. In Private Employment	2010.1	2010.1	2050.8	(c)2023.7	2053.4	2054.7	2055.3
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	37.4	37.5	37.8	38.1	38.3	38.3	38.6
Other	165.7	166.2	168.6	169.7	169.5	168.8	168.9
State and Semi-Governmental	441.1	443.2	442.9	441.1	446.6	450.0	452.0
Local Authorities	69.5	69.9	71.2	70.5	70.6	70.9	71.0
2. Total Governmental	713.7	716.8	720.5	719.4	725.0	728.0	730.5
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2723.8	2726.9	2771.3	(c)2743.1	2778.4	2782.7	2785.8
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	60.0	61.0	51.8	61.9	62.1	60.3	60.8
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2783.8	2787.9	2823.1	(c)2805.0	2840.5	2843.0	2846.6

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. (c) Affected by industrial disputes.

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TABLE 1 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1882.4	1947.3	(a) 1996.0	675.3	709.1	738.7	2557.7	2656.4	(a) 2734.7
August	1886.2	1949.3	1999.6	677.5	710.5	740.9	2563.7	2659.8	2740.5
September	1890.3	1953.1	2003.3	681.5	714.6	743.9	2571.8	2667.7	2747.2
October	1897.8	1955.2	2001.9	686.3	718.7	747.8	2584.1	2673.9	2749.7
November	1906.6	1964.8	2012.6	694.6	727.5	756.1	2601.2	2692.3	2768.7
December	1910.8	1969.0	2013.1	701.3	731.9	758.2	2612.1	2700.9	2771.3
January	1912.3	1968.1	(a) 1990.9	697.7	724.2	752.2	2610.0	2692.3	(a) 2743.4
February	1920.4	1977.4	2019.0	701.3	732.8	759.4	2621.7	2710.2	2778.4
March	1931.3	1986.3	2020.5	707.9	737.5	762.2	2639.2	2723.8	2782.7
April	1936.1	1990.9	2025.5	707.5	736.0	760.3	2643.6	2726.9	2785.8
May	1941.9	1995.5		707.3	737.2		2649.2	2732.7	
June	1948.4	2000.5		707.5	738.5		2655.9	2739.0	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	66.0	61.5	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	68.0	63.5	62.0
August	65.5	61.5	60.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	67.5	63.5	62.4
September	62.8	60.8	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	64.8	62.9	62.2
October	62.5	60.5	60.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.5	62.6	62.0
November	57.0	52.5	51.9	2.0	2.1	2.0	59.0	54.6	53.9
December	52.5	50.1	49.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	54.5	52.1	51.8
January	62.7	60.1	59.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	64.7	62.1	61.9
February	62.3	60.1	60.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	64.3	62.2	62.1
March	61.3	57.9	58.4	1.9	2.1	1.9	63.2	60.0	60.3
April	59.8	58.9	58.9	2.0	2.1	1.9	61.8	61.0	60.8
May	61.0	59.1		1.9	2.1		62.9	61.2	
June	60.1	57.7		2.0	2.1		62.1	59.8	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56
July	1948.4	2008.8	(a) 2055.9	677.3	711.1	740.8	2625.7	2719.9	(a) 2796.7
August	1951.7	2010.8	2059.8	679.5	712.5	743.1	2631.2	2723.3	2802.9
September	1953.1	2013.9	2063.4	683.5	716.7	746.0	2636.6	2730.6	2809.4
October	1960.3	2015.7	2061.9	688.3	720.8	749.8	2648.6	2736.5	2811.7
November	1963.6	2017.3	2064.5	696.6	729.6	758.1	2660.2	2746.9	2822.6
December	1963.3	2019.1	2062.9	703.3	733.9	760.2	2666.6	2753.0	2823.1
January	1975.0	2028.2	(a) 2050.8	699.7	726.2	754.2	2674.7	2754.4	(a) 2805.0
February	1982.7	2037.5	2079.1	703.3	734.9	761.4	2686.0	2772.4	2840.5
March	1992.6	2044.2	2078.9	709.8	739.6	764.1	2702.4	2783.8	2843.0
April	1995.9	2049.8	2084.4	709.5	738.1	762.2	2705.4	2787.9	2846.6
May	2002.9	2054.6		709.2	739.3		2712.1	2793.9	
June	2008.5	2058.2		709.5	740.6		2718.0	2798.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.



**TABLE 4 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA**  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1954 Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
Mar.	592.4	1,393.9	1,986.3	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.7	2,010.1	2,723.8	60.0
Apr.	595.4	1,395.5	1,990.9	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.8	2,010.1	2,726.9	61.0
May	597.0	1,398.5	1,995.5	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.8	2,013.9	2,732.7	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July (e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug.	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sept.	597.7	1,405.6	2,003.3	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.4	2,025.8	2,747.2	62.2
Oct.	595.2	1,406.7	2,001.9	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.2	2,030.5	2,749.7	62.0
Nov.	595.4	1,417.2	2,012.6	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.3	2,048.4	2,768.7	53.9
Dec.	596.5	1,416.6	2,013.1	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.5	2,050.8	2,771.3	51.8
1956 Jan. (e)	595.5	1,395.4	1,990.9	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.4	2,023.7	2,743.1	61.9
Feb.	597.7	1,421.3	2,019.0	127.3	632.1	759.4	725.0	2,053.4	2,778.4	62.1
Mar.	599.3	1,421.2	2,020.5	128.7	633.5	762.2	728.0	2,054.7	2,782.7	60.3
April	601.2	1,424.3	2,025.5	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.5	2,055.3	2,785.8	60.8

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951.

(e) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 5 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, April, 1956.

## STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	9.5	1.1	45.4	14.1	54.9	15.2	133.8	25.9	26.5	2.8	215.2	43.9	259.1
Victoria	16.3	5.1	34.2	11.0	50.5	16.1	96.0	24.1	13.0	1.5	159.5	41.7	201.2
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.6	4.5	17.8	4.7	56.0	7.7	16.6	0.9	90.4	13.3	103.7
South Australia	3.3	0.7	12.4	2.9	15.7	3.6	38.0	9.4	3.1	0.3	56.8	13.3	70.1
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.4	2.1	9.1	2.2	37.6	6.5	3.6	0.3	50.3	9.0	59.3
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.2	4.3	1.3	13.3	3.7	2.2	0.2	19.8	5.2	25.0
Northern Terr.	0.1	—	2.2	0.6	2.3	0.6	—	—	—	—	2.3	0.6	2.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	—	6.8	2.3	6.9	2.3	—	—	—	—	6.9	2.3	9.2
Total, April, 1956	31.3	7.3	130.2	38.7	161.5	46.0	374.7	77.3	65.0	6.0	601.2	129.3	730.5
Total, March, 1956	31.1	7.2	130.2	38.6	161.3	45.8	373.1	76.9	64.9	6.0	599.3	128.7	728.0

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page.

TABLE 6 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	May 1949(a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	June 1955	March, 1956	April, 1956
MALES									
New South Wales	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	785.8	787.8
Victoria	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	564.6	565.4
Queensland	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	270.8	272.8
South Australia	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	183.8	184.5
West. Australia	112.8	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	137.6	136.9
Tasmania	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.3	64.7
Northern Terr.	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.5
Australia:	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2020.5	2025.5

## FEMALES

New South Wales	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	301.1	300.4
Victoria	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	234.7	233.8
Queensland	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.3	90.6
South Australia	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	63.7	63.6
West. Australia	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.7	44.8
Tasmania	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.7	23.0
Northern Terr.	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.0
Australia:	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	762.2	760.3

## PERSONS

New South Wales	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1086.9	1088.2
Victoria	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	799.3	799.2
Queensland	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	362.1	363.4
South Australia	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	247.5	248.1
West. Australia	150.6	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	182.3	181.7
Tasmania	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	87.0	87.7
Northern Terr.	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.0
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.8	11.5
Australia:	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2782.7	2785.8

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.



**II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS**  
**TABLE 7 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS**

**AUSTRALIA**

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)  
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	Mar., 1955	Apr., 1955	Jan., 1956	Feb., 1956	Mar., 1956	Apr., 1956
<b>MALES</b>						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.5	26.7	26.6	27.0	26.9	26.7
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	9.7	9.6	10.2	10.2	10.1	10.1
Coal	28.8	28.8	27.6	26.8	26.7	26.7
Other (incl. Quarries)	11.9	12.0	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.6
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.6	57.8	57.2	56.6	56.5	56.8
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	709.7	711.4	718.9	721.8	722.4	723.9
Other (b)	62.2	62.4	63.6	63.6	63.7	63.8
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	771.9	773.8	782.5	785.4	786.1	787.7
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	90.3	90.8	95.4	97.8	* 96.8	97.7
Other (d)	115.9	117.7	111.7	112.9	*112.8	113.9
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	206.2	208.5	207.1	210.7	209.6	211.6
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	83.9	84.1	85.5	85.9	86.4	86.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	50.9	50.3	30.3	50.2	49.6	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	108.2	108.4	107.6	108.0	108.0	108.7
Communication	63.2	63.7	65.0	64.5	64.2	64.3
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	306.2	306.5	288.4	308.6	308.2	310.7
<u>Property and Finance, (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	59.5	59.6	60.3	61.0	61.6	61.5
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	123.9	124.0	126.4	127.4	127.8	127.7
Primary Produce Agencies	24.3	24.0	25.9	25.2	24.9	24.6
Retail Trade	129.6	129.2	131.4	130.2	130.5	130.1
<u>Total Commerce</u>	277.8	277.2	283.7	282.8	283.2	282.4
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	98.6	98.6	100.3	100.1	100.0	100.3
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.2	20.2	20.5	20.6	20.7	20.8
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	25.9	26.0	26.6	27.1	26.8	26.7
Education	38.3	38.4	38.0	39.2	40.7	41.0
Other Professional	13.0	12.7	13.8	14.2	14.3	14.3
Entertainment, Sport	18.3	18.5	18.3	18.2	18.7	18.3
Personal Service (e)	54.9	55.0	56.2	56.1	55.8	55.3
<u>Total Other</u>	182.0	182.2	184.8	186.8	188.4	187.8
<b>TOTAL:</b>	1986.3	1990.9	1990.9	2019.0	2020.5	2025.5

**FEMALES**

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	228.0	225.3	226.7	231.7	230.8	229.4
Other (b)	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	235.2	232.5	234.1	239.2	238.3	236.8
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	8.8	8.8	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6
Communication	18.6	18.5	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	38.1	38.1	39.5	39.9	40.0	40.1

⌘ Affected by industrial disputes.

For notes see page 8.

\* Revised.

TABLE 7 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	Mar., 1955	Apr., 1955	Jan., 1956	Feb., 1956	Mar., 1956	Apr., 1956
<b>FEMALES (Continued)</b>						
<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	37.8	37.8	40.0	41.2	41.8	41.9
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	39.5	39.3	40.5	41.0	41.4	40.7
Primary Produce Agencies	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.9	5.8	6.0
Retail Trade	119.6	120.3	125.9	123.3	123.2	122.7
<u>Total Commerce</u>	164.8	165.5	172.1	170.2	170.4	169.4
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	28.2	28.3	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	9.4	9.4	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	72.2	72.5	74.9	75.1	76.1	76.7
Education	47.7	47.7	46.7	49.0	50.5	50.6
Other Professional	9.8	9.7	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.2
Entertainment, Sport	8.8	8.9	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.0
Personal Service (e)	70.4	70.5	72.1	71.8	72.0	71.6
<u>Total Other</u>	227.3	227.7	231.8	234.0	236.7	236.9
<u>TOTAL</u>	737.5	736.0	752.2	759.4	762.2	760.3

## PERSONS

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.7	26.9	26.8	27.2	27.1	26.9
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.4	7.5	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.0	9.9	10.5	10.5	10.4	10.5
Coal	29.0	29.0	27.8	27.0	26.9	26.9
Other (including Quarries)	12.3	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.1
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	58.7	58.9	58.3	57.7	57.6	58.0
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	937.7	936.7	945.6	953.5	953.2	953.3
Other (b)	69.4	69.6	71.0	71.1	71.2	71.2
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	1007.1	1006.3	1016.6	1024.6	1024.4	1024.5
<u>Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (privately employed) (c)	93.0	93.5	98.2	100.6	*99.6	100.5
Other (d)	118.0	119.8	113.8	115.1	*115.0	116.1
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	211.0	213.3	212.0	215.7	214.6	216.6
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	92.7	92.9	94.7	95.3	95.8	96.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	53.3	52.7	52.8	52.6	52.1	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	116.5	116.8	116.1	116.6	116.6	117.3
Communication	81.8	82.2	84.3	84.0	83.7	83.8
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	344.3	344.6	327.9	348.5	348.2	350.8
<u>Property and Finance (including Banks and Insurance)</u>	97.3	97.4	100.3	102.2	103.4	103.4
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	163.4	163.3	166.9	168.4	169.2	168.4
Primary Produce Agencies	30.0	29.9	31.6	31.1	30.7	30.6
Retail Trade	249.2	249.5	257.3	253.5	253.7	252.8
<u>Total Commerce</u>	442.6	442.7	455.8	453.0	453.6	451.8
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	126.8	126.9	128.8	128.7	128.7	129.1
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	29.6	29.6	30.2	30.3	30.5	30.6
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	98.1	98.5	101.5	102.2	102.9	103.4
Education	86.0	86.1	84.7	88.2	91.2	91.6
Other Professional	22.8	22.4	24.0	24.5	24.6	24.5
Entertainment, Sport	27.1	27.4	27.5	27.3	27.7	27.3
Personal Service (e)	125.3	125.5	128.3	127.9	127.8	126.9
<u>Total Other</u>	409.3	409.9	416.6	420.8	425.1	424.7
<u>TOTAL</u>	2723.8	2726.9	2743.1	2778.4	2782.7	2785.8

ø Affected by industrial disputes.

\* Revised.

For notes see page 8.



TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - April, 1956

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
<b>MALES</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.3	5.9	5.9	1.7	2.4	2.2	26.7
Mining and Quarrying	29.1	4.8	9.7	1.6	7.9	3.0	56.8
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	295.9	228.4	73.0	70.9	35.4	20.3	723.9
Other (b)	27.4	18.9	10.6	2.5	2.5	0.6	63.8
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>323.3</b>	<b>247.3</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>73.4</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>787.7</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	75.1	52.8	35.3	21.2	15.3	8.8	211.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.0	11.4	9.1	6.0	5.0	2.6	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	39.5	21.9	23.0	10.1	11.1	2.6	108.7
Other Transport and Communication	60.8	38.8	24.1	12.9	9.1	4.4	150.9
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	24.0	18.5	8.4	5.2	3.9	1.5	61.5
Retail Trade	50.7	37.7	15.6	12.4	9.8	3.7	130.1
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.5	43.6	21.6	15.6	14.9	4.7	152.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.6	28.6	11.7	7.9	7.5	3.8	100.3
Other Industries (g)	71.9	54.1	24.8	16.5	12.1	6.5	187.8
<b>TOTAL MALES:</b>	<b>787.8</b>	<b>565.4</b>	<b>272.8</b>	<b>184.5</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>2025.5</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.2	90.1	14.0	16.9	6.1	5.1	229.4
Other (b)	1.0	2.4	2.9	0.1	0.9	..	7.4
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>236.8</b>
Rail and Air Transport	4.0	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.4	4.6	2.8	1.5	1.3	31.5
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	18.6	11.8	4.7	3.4	2.3	1.0	41.9
Retail Trade	45.6	33.5	16.0	12.9	10.0	4.3	122.7
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.1	12.6	7.0	4.1	3.7	1.1	46.7
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.0	7.1	4.5	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.8
Other Industries (g)	93.2	64.8	35.6	21.0	17.9	9.1	243.3
<b>TOTAL FEMALES:</b>	<b>300.4</b>	<b>233.8</b>	<b>90.6</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>44.8</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>760.3</b>
<b>PERSONS</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.4	6.0	5.9	1.7	2.4	2.2	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	29.4	4.9	10.0	1.7	8.1	3.1	58.0
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	393.1	318.5	87.0	87.8	41.5	25.4	953.3
Other (b)	28.4	21.3	13.5	2.6	3.4	0.6	71.2
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>421.5</b>	<b>339.8</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>44.9</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>1024.5</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	77.3	54.1	35.9	21.7	15.6	8.9	216.6
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.0	12.0	9.4	6.3	5.2	2.7	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	43.5	24.0	24.3	10.8	11.5	2.7	117.3
Other Transport and Communication	71.5	47.6	28.4	15.4	10.4	5.6	179.9
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	42.6	30.3	13.1	8.6	6.2	2.5	103.4
Retail Trade	96.3	71.2	31.6	25.3	19.8	8.0	252.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.6	56.2	28.6	19.7	18.6	5.8	199.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.6	35.7	16.2	9.6	9.5	4.8	129.1
Other Industries (g)	162.5	117.4	59.5	36.9	29.5	15.4	424.7
<b>TOTAL PERSONS:</b>	<b>1088.2</b>	<b>799.2</b>	<b>363.4</b>	<b>248.1</b>	<b>181.7</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>2785.8</b>

For notes see page 8.

NOTES TO TABLES 7 AND 8

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 9 and 11 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 13. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

**TABLE 9 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :**  
**SIX STATES**

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males *	Females	Persons *	Males	Females	Persons
1955 : January	368,028	117,016	485,044	..	..	..
February	372,168	119,410	491,578	+ 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 1.3
March	373,247	119,059	492,306	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	373,147	116,257	489,404	-	- 2.4	- 0.6
May	373,874	115,647	489,521	+ 0.2	- 0.5	-
June	376,482	116,065	492,547	+ 0.7	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
July	377,144	115,364	492,508	+ 0.2	- 0.6	-
August	377,660	115,765	493,425	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
September	378,715	117,023	495,738	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.5
October	379,783	117,443	497,226	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3
November	380,445	117,240	497,685	+ 0.2	- 0.2	+ 0.1
December	378,999	118,148	497,147	- 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1
1956 : January (a)	374,643	116,116	490,759	*- 1.1	- 1.7	- 1.3
February	377,026	120,181	497,207	+ 0.6	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	376,634	119,854	496,488	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.1
April	377,344	*117,420	494,764	+ 0.2	- 2.0	* - 0.3
May	376,709	116,431	493,140	- 0.2	- 0.8	- 0.3

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. \* Revised.

**TABLE 10 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :**  
**STATES**

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Mar., 1956-	Apr., 1956-
	April	May	March	April	May	Apr., 1956	May, 1956
MALES							
New South Wales	148,280	148,454	150,837	*151,437	150,979	* + 0.4	- 0.3
Victoria	111,760	111,763	113,983	*113,744	112,791	* - 0.2	- 0.8
Queensland	39,222	40,369	38,084	38,967	40,567	+ 2.3	+ 4.1
South Australia	42,906	42,508	42,782	42,392	41,812	- 0.9	- 1.4
West Australia	*18,573	18,536	*18,305	* 18,039	17,779	* - 1.5	- 1.4
Tasmania	12,406	12,244	12,643	12,765	12,781	+ 1.0	+ 0.1
TOTAL	*373,147	373,874	*376,634	*377,344	376,709	+ 0.2	- 0.2
FEMALES							
New South Wales	45,832	45,904	46,596	46,032	45,801	- 1.2	- 0.5
Victoria	44,734	44,440	47,141	45,477	44,937	- 3.5	- 1.2
Queensland	8,579	8,560	8,548	* 8,410	8,578	* - 1.6	+ 2.0
South Australia	9,126	8,852	9,555	9,267	8,842	- 3.0	- 4.6
West Australia	3,894	3,842	3,672	3,636	3,612	- 1.0	- 0.7
Tasmania	4,092	4,049	4,342	4,598	4,661	+ 5.9	+ 1.4
TOTAL	116,257	115,647	119,854	*117,420	116,431	- 2.0	- 0.8
PERSONS							
New South Wales	194,112	194,358	197,433	*197,469	196,780	* -	- 0.3
Victoria	156,494	156,203	161,124	*159,221	157,728	* - 1.2	- 0.9
Queensland	47,801	48,929	46,632	* 47,37	49,145	* + 1.6	+ 3.7
South Australia	52,032	51,360	52,337	51,659	50,654	- 1.3	- 1.9
West Australia	* 22,467	22,378	* 21,977	* 21,675	21,391	* - 1.4	- 1.3
Tasmania	16,498	16,293	16,985	17,363	17,442	+ 2.2	+ 0.5
TOTAL	*489,404	489,521	*496,488	*494,764	493,140	* - 0.3	- 0.3

\* Revised.



**TABLE 11. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
SIX STATES**

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males*	Females	Persons*	Males	Females	Persons
1955 January	318,150	99,190	417,340	0.0	0.0	0.0
February	320,020	99,631	419,651	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
March	321,564	99,897	421,461	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
April	322,034	99,722	421,756	+ 0.1	- 0.2	+ 0.1
May	322,254	99,672	421,926	+ 0.1	- 0.1	-
June	323,352	100,169	423,521	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
July	323,641	100,156	423,797	+ 0.1	-	+ 0.1
August	323,751	100,442	424,193	-	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
September	324,056	101,497	425,553	+ 0.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.3
October	323,941	101,676	425,617	-	+ 0.2	-
November	324,763	101,602	426,365	+ 0.3	- 0.1	+ 0.2
December	325,018	101,114	426,132	+ 0.1	- 0.5	- 0.1
1956 January	325,593	99,268	424,861	+ 0.2	- 1.8	- 0.3
February	325,451	100,524	425,975	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
March	325,607	100,976	426,583	-	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
April	326,320	*100,561	426,881	+ 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	324,942	100,206	425,148	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4

\* Revised.

**TABLE 12. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES  
STATES**

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1955		1956			Mar. 1956	Apr., 1956
	Apr.	May	Mar.	Apr.	May	Apr., 1956	May, 1956
<b>MALES</b>							
New South Wales	134,363	134,669	136,809	* 137,480	137,208	*+ 0.5	- 0.2
Victoria	97,334	97,549	98,969	* 99,625	99,086	*+ 0.7	- 0.7
Queensland	25,667	25,682	25,547	25,452	25,454	- 0.4	-
South Australia	38,347	38,077	38,013	37,686	37,282	- 0.9	- 1.1
West Australia	* 16,192	16,210	* 15,889	* 15,662	15,457	*- 1.4	- 1.3
Tasmania	10,131	10,067	10,380	10,415	10,455	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
TOTAL	* 322,034	322,254	* 325,607	* 326,320	324,942	+ 0.2	- 0.4
<b>FEMALES</b>							
New South Wales	39,898	40,062	40,376	40,164	40,096	- 0.5	- 0.2
Victoria	39,579	39,476	40,163	40,037	39,840	- 0.3	- 0.5
Queensland	6,855	6,803	6,927	* 6,915	6,967	* - 0.2	+ 0.8
South Australia	7,618	7,581	7,693	7,588	7,412	- 1.4	- 2.3
West Australia	3,005	2,972	2,803	2,777	2,763	- 0.9	- 0.5
Tasmania	2,767	2,778	3,014	3,080	3,128	+ 2.2	+ 1.6
TOTAL	99,722	99,672	100,976	*100,561	100,206	- 0.4	- 0.4
<b>PERSONS</b>							
New South Wales	174,261	174,731	177,185	* 177,644	177,304	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Victoria	136,913	137,025	139,132	* 139,662	138,926	* + 0.4	- 0.5
Queensland	32,522	32,485	32,474	* 32,367	32,421	* - 0.3	+ 0.2
South Australia	45,965	45,658	45,706	45,274	44,694	- 0.9	- 1.3
West Australia	* 19,197	19,182	* 18,692	* 18,439	18,220	* - 1.4	- 1.2
Tasmania	12,898	12,845	13,394	13,495	13,583	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
TOTAL	* 421,756	421,926	* 426,583	* 426,881	425,148	+ 0.1	- 0.4

\* Revised

TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES  
INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	May, 1955	Mar., 1956	April, 1956	May, 1956	Mar., 1956- Apr., 1956	Apr., 1956- May, 1956
MALES						
1. Building Materials	33,867	34,099	34,230	34,049	+ 0.4	- 0.5
2. Basic Metals	37,527	37,371	38,389	38,544	+ 2.7	+ 0.4
3. Transportation Equipment	59,410	*62,120	*61,494	60,742	* - 1.0	- 1.2
4. Other Metal Manufactures	84,873	84,489	84,561	84,085	+ 0.1	- 0.6
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,225	18,605	18,669	18,508	+ 0.3	- 0.9
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,756	32,584	32,668	32,680	+ 0.3	-
7. Food	49,443	48,764	48,674	49,441	- 0.2	+ 1.6
8. All Other	45,529	45,959	45,894	45,879	- 0.1	-
Total - All Groups	361,630	*363,991	*364,579	363,928	* + 0.2	- 0.2
Total - Excluding Food	312,187	*315,227	*315,905	314,487	+ 0.2	- 0.4
FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	2,870	3,062	3,052	3,046	- 0.3	- 0.2
2. Basic Metals	1,985	1,998	1,994	2,005	- 0.2	+ 0.6
3. Transportation Equipment	5,330	5,719	5,666	5,701	- 0.9	+ 0.6
4. Other Metal Manufactures	17,487	17,900	*17,677	17,481	* - 1.2	- 1.1
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,235	4,279	4,283	4,255	-	- 0.7
6. Clothing and Textiles	52,360	52,084	52,073	51,896	-	- 0.3
7. Food	14,704	17,550	15,341	14,692	-12.6	- 4.2
8. All Other	12,627	12,920	12,736	12,694	- 1.4	- 0.3
Total - All Groups	111,598	115,512	*112,822	111,770	- 2.3	- 0.9
Total - Excluding Food	96,894	97,962	* 97,481	97,078	- 0.5	- 0.4

\* Revised.

## IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 14 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)

Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1953 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	Dec. Quarter	2,436	2,477
1947-48	1,164	1,206	1954 -		
1948-49	1,322	1,365	March "	2,491	2,552
1949-50	1,451	1,505	June "	2,477	2,534
			Sept. "	2,522	2,609
1950-51	1,742	1,810	Dec. "	2,524	2,588
1951-52	2,145	2,213	1955 -		
1952-53	2,350	2,394	March "	2,589	2,705
1953-54	2,462	2,511	June "	2,652	2,730
1954-55	2,572	2,658	Sept. "	2,689	2,767
			Dec. "	2,731	2,810
			1956 -		
			March "	2,749	2,819

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1953-54 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1954 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 15 : AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 14.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)</b>							
1948-49	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
<u>1953-54</u>							
December Quarter	16,753	11,748	5,225	3,640	2,672	1,296	41,334
March "	15,303	10,796	4,818	3,447	2,467	1,250	38,081
June "	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
<u>1954-55</u>							
September Quarter	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December "	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June "	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December "	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March "	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)</b>							
1948-49	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
<u>1953-54</u>							
December Quarter	16.87	16.99	14.58	15.81	15.60	15.23	16.33
March "	15.33	15.44	13.47	14.67	14.29	14.48	14.94
June "	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.93
<u>1954-55</u>							
September Quarter	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December "	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June "	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
<u>1955-56</u>							
September Quarter	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December "	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March "	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.  
(c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years of corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.



TABLE 16 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>31ST DECEMBER, 1955</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	344	323	308	318	339	330	330
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	316	317	311	340	331	322
III. Food, Drink, etc.	328	331	303	322	328	333	324
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	325	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	375	371	354	355	391	374	370
VI. Other Manufacturing	330	319	298	319	325	328	322
VII. Building	377	357	339	339	356	344	360
VIII. Mining (c)	337	332	319	303	358	325	335
IX. Rail and Tram Services	350	340	315	316	330	334	337
X. Other Land Transport	327	306	289	301	328	316	314
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	387	351	349	338	358	373	364
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	315	309	279	286	305	296	305
XIV. Miscellaneous	326	319	293	293	318	307	315
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	346	331	318	317	340	337	334

31ST MARCH, 1956

I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	346	323	308	318	340	330	331
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	328	318	317	311	341	331	323
III. Food, Drink, etc.	332	334	304	322	330	344	326
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	314	315	321	321	326	312	316
V. Books, Printing, etc.	382	374	354	355	392	374	374
VI. Other Manufacturing	334	321	298	319	326	337	325
VII. Building	381	360	339	339	358	353	364
VIII. Mining (c)	338	335	319	303	360	337	337
IX. Rail and Tram Services	354	345	327	316	331	334	341
X. Other Land Transport	331	308	299	301	329	316	317
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	346	348	343	345	345	346	346
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (f)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	316	312	279	286	306	315	307
XIV. Miscellaneous	330	323	294	293	320	314	319
<u>All Groups (b)(g)</u>	349	334	319	317	341	345	337

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. (b) Weighted average. (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied. (e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied. (f) Not available. (g) For March, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December to March, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups, Excluding XI and XII"

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355	344	328	335	356	349	346
30th June, 1955	355	348	328	336	363	350	348
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	357
31st March, 1956	368	358	335	337	372	358	358

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

## V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 18 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

## Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1955 July	1,070	335	615	55	268	67	1,381	1,029	2,410
August	901	367	539	50	248	83	1,324	864	2,188
September	707	327	425	37	256	80	1,136	696	1,832
October	660	294	427	46	215	85	1,067	660	1,727
November	645	277	431	44	216	64	1,046	631	1,677
December	966	356	1,442	56	377	48	2,546	699	3,245
1956 January	1,322	359	2,561	46	414	40	3,958	784	4,742
February	1,937	341	3,371	55	374	50	5,217	911	6,128
March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494
April	1,789	566	2,223	88	683	30	4,230	1,149	5,379
May	1,848	760	1,562	141	989	36	4,037	1,299	5,336

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

## VI. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Comparative figures for earlier years and explanations of terms used in this Section will be found in Chapter IV of Labour Report No. 42, 1953.

TABLE 19 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES

Quarter ended 31st March, 1956 (a)(b)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
Number of Disputes							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	19	2	1	1	-	-	23
III. Food, drink, etc.	4	2	3	-	-	-	9
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
V. Books, printing, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VI. Other manufacturing	14	1	2	1	-	-	18
VII. Building	16	12	1	-	-	1	30
VIII. (i) Coal mining	156	1	14	-	1	-	172
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Railway and tramway services	8	-	8	-	-	-	16
X. Air and other land transport	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	16	4	31	3	3	13	75
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
TOTAL:	240	23	61	5	4	14	352

## Workers Involved

I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	4,869	305	1,060	12	-	-	6,246
III. Food, drink, etc.	270	920	8,060	-	-	-	9,250
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	184	800	-	-	-	-	984
V. Books, printing, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VI. Other manufacturing	5,316	1,367	137	6	-	-	6,826
VII. Building	3,019	461	120	-	-	190	3,790
VIII. (i) Coal Mining	52,117	485	944	-	1,430	-	54,976
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Railway and tramway services	837	-	26,605	-	-	-	27,442
X. Air and other land transport	283	-	-	-	-	-	283
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	22,691	13,519	17,254	4,339	3,618	6,732	68,564
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	270	-	-	-	-	-	270
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	91	-	32	-	-	-	123
TOTAL:	89,947	17,857	54,212	4,357	5,048	6,922	178,754

## Working Days Lost

I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	76,232	3,168	14,000	36	-	-	93,436
III. Food, drink, etc.	810	1,528	8,665	-	-	-	11,003
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	184	800	-	-	-	-	984
V. Books, printing, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VI. Other manufacturing	23,976	7,140	200	12	-	-	31,328
VII. Building	13,991	5,858	40	-	-	190	20,079
VIII. (i) Coal mining	69,385	2,037	3,853	-	3,070	-	78,345
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IX. Railway and tramway services	338	-	27,059	-	-	-	27,397
X. Air and other land transport	420	-	-	-	-	-	420
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	93,563	65,014	70,144	39,326	25,497	23,555	318,744
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	1,092	-	-	-	-	-	1,092
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	261	-	30	-	-	-	291
TOTAL:	280,252	85,545	123,991	39,374	28,567	23,745	583,119

(a) Includes particulars of 3 disputes which commenced in the December quarter, 1955, and continued into the March quarter, 1956. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.



TABLE 19 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES

Quarter ended 31st March, 1956 (a) (b)  
(Continued)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (c)
Estimated Loss in Wages (£)							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	313,050	10,930	47,000	105	-	-	371,085
III. Food, drink, etc.	2,550	5,270	27,332	-	-	-	35,152
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	766	2,500	-	-	-	-	3,266
V. Books, printing, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
VI. Other manufacturing	83,515	27,677	828	28	-	-	112,048
VII. Building	48,493	19,864	130	-	-	618	69,105
VIII. (i) Coal mining (ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	237,422	7,674	17,150	-	10,500	-	272,746
IX. Railway and tramway services	1,007	-	80,792	-	-	-	81,799
X. Air and other land transport	1,300	-	-	-	-	-	1,300
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	327,347	227,750	245,505	137,659	89,339	82,442	1,115,801
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	2,027	-	-	-	-	-	2,027
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	1,167	-	62	-	-	-	1,229
TOTAL:	1,018,644	301,665	418,799	137,792	99,839	83,060	2,065,558

(a) Includes particulars of 3 disputes which commenced in the December quarter, 1955 and continued into the March Quarter, 1956. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 20 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working days lost	Estimated loss in wages £
		Directly	Indirectly (a)	Total		
1940	350	178,939	13,658	192,597	1,507,252	1,716,121
1941	567	240,845	7,262	248,107	984,174	1,000,102
1942	602	166,167	3,096	169,263	378,195	456,090
1943	785	288,028	8,075	296,103	990,151	1,153,506
1944	941	260,792	15,566	276,358	912,752	1,111,729
1945	945	299,641	16,297	315,938	2,119,641	2,567,444
1946	869	331,865	16,683	348,548	1,947,844	2,290,147
1947	982	280,718	46,419	327,137	1,338,728	1,898,085
1948	1,141	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	2,299,114
1949	849	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,333,990	2,611,536
1950	1,276	391,481	40,220	431,701	2,062,888	4,166,418
1951	1,344	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2,256,028
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	3,439,850
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	3,337,437
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	3,021,211
1955	1,532	424,340	20,307	444,647	1,010,884	3,310,321
1955 -						
March Quarter	383	100,099	8,320	108,419	186,365	613,620
June "	378	94,149	5,224	99,373	186,956	615,229
Sept. "	426	110,798	5,331	116,129	465,113	1,476,221
Dec. "	345	119,294	1,432	120,726	172,450	605,251
1956 -						
March " (b)	352	172,149	6,605	178,754	583,119	2,065,558

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Subject to revision.

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